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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of documents containing the following information:

The counties across the nation projected to violate the primary 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard under a revised standard of 0.070, 0.065 or 0.060 parts per million, the current standard of 0.075 ppm and any other levels considered. If county-level data does not exist, I request the information by Core Based Statistical Area or any other available geography.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$25. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the agency's review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone that is of current interest to the public because it is an important public health protection. This information is being sought on behalf of Los Angeles Times for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. I am requesting that EPA grant a fee waiver for this request because it is in the public's interest to understand the agency's activities and the information in its possession on this important health standard.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or email, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a Los Angeles Times reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about the agency's review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone because EPA is under a court-ordered deadline to issue a new proposal by December 2014. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Tony Barboza